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Media Alert

HOUSEHOLDED SAMPLE BALLOTS ARE IN THE MAIL

Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Rossway Swan, has announced that sample ballots for the upcoming August 14, 2012 Primary Election have been mailed. As a cost cutting measure, the sample ballots will have a new look. All information is printed in black and white, and the ballots have been mailed to each household according to party affiliation.

The August 14th election is a primary election, which means that you may vote for candidates only of the party for which you are registered. There is one exception. If all candidates running for an office have the same party affiliation, and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, then all registered voters may vote on that race in the primary election. This exception is called a Universal Primary Contest.

Four Universal Primary Contests are listed on every ballot for the August 14th Primary Election. All registered voters regardless of party affiliation may vote in the race for Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and County Commissioner District 5. Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Rossway Swan, commented "Our office has received numerous telephone calls from voters, who have received their absentee ballot in the mail, inquiring if they are eligible to vote in the Universal Primary Contest races even though they are not registered Republicans."

Voters should also note that two candidates on the Republican ballot in the U.S. Senate contest are no longer in the race. George LeMieux has withdrawn from the race and Deon Long has been disqualified from the U.S. Senate race. A notice has been enclosed with all absentee ballots indicating that these candidates are no longer in the race. This information will also be posted in each voting booth at all early voting sites and on Election Day.

Voters are encouraged to complete their sample ballot and use it as a guide when voting at the polls. To view a brief tutorial on how to mark and cast your ballot, visit the Supervisor of Elections homepage at www.voteindianriver.com.